

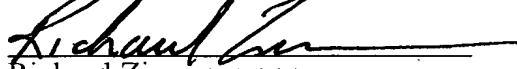


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Sir:

The Applicants request entry of this amendment prior to examination of this application on the merits.